

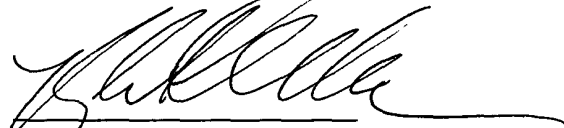
**REMARKS**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

Applicant notes that paragraph [0073] has been amended to correct an error of a typographical nature identifying the filing date of the noted commonly owned European application. Moreover, this paragraph has been amended to identify the now assigned European Application No. 02 020 292.5 and the counterpart U.S. application by its Attorney Docket number, P24085. This information will be updated in due course upon the assignment of U.S. application numbers for these applications.

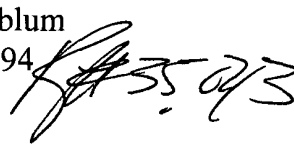
Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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